

Sec. 49-245. Limitation on water intensive landscape/turf areas within new nonresidential facilities.

(a) The following types of facilities shall limit the water intensive landscape/turf area within the landscapable area to the following percentages:

(1) Schools--Fifteen (15) percent of total lot. All of the remaining area shall consist of plants listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) low-water use plant list.

(2) Churches--Twenty-five (25) percent of total lot. All of the remaining area shall consist of plants listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) low-water use plant list.

(3) Resorts (including hotels and motels)--Ten (10) percent of the first nine thousand (9,000) square feet and eight and one-half (8.5) percent of the remainder of the total lot. At least ninety-five (95) percent of the remaining area shall consist of plants listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) low-water use plant list.

(b) Designated active recreational areas shall not be considered as part of the lot and shall not be considered in determining compliance with this restriction.

(c) Cemeteries--Seventy-five (75) percent of their total operating facility area, excluding parking lots. Expanded portions of a cemetery are excluded if the ownership of the expanded portion is the same ownership as the cemetery as of December 31, 1984.

(d) Schools, cemeteries, golf courses, common areas of housing developments and public recreational facilities with water intensive landscape/turf greater than or equal to ten (10) acres are exempt from this provision because they are regulated as a large turf facility under the current ADWR management plan for the Phoenix Active Management Area.

(Ord. No. 2318, § 2, 12-17-90; Ord. No. 3161, § 2, 6-15-98; Ord. No. 3409, 11-26-01; Ord. No. 3621, § 1A, 7-5-05)

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Sec. 49-246. Limitation on water intensive landscape/turf acreage for new commercial users, new industrial users and common areas of residential developments.

(a) All new commercial users and new industrial users shall limit water intensive landscape/turf area to the following percentage:

(1) If the area of the lot is nine thousand (9,000) square feet or less, the water intensive landscape/turf acreage shall be limited to an area equal to ten (10) percent of the total lot.

(2) If the area of the lot is larger than nine thousand (9,000) square feet but less than or equal to forty-three thousand five hundred sixty (43,560) square feet (one (1) acre), the water-intensive landscape/turf area shall be limited to an area equal to ten (10) percent of the first nine thousand (9,000) square feet and five (5) percent of the remainder of the lot. If the total lot exceeds forty-three thousand five hundred sixty (43,560) square feet, no additional water-intensive landscape/turf acreage shall be permitted.

(b) For residential common areas, the water intensive landscape/turf area shall be limited to ten (10) percent of the first nine thousand (9,000) square feet and five (5) percent of the remainder of the lot. If the total lot exceeds two hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred (217,800) square feet or five (5) acres, no additional water intensive landscape/turf area shall be permitted. Excluded from this calculation shall be areas used for active recreational areas.

(c) All plant material used (excluding those in the water intensive landscape/turf area) must be low water-use plants listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) most current low water use plant list.

(d) No water intensive landscape/turf shall be permitted in the public right-of-way.

(Ord. No. 2318, § 2, 2-17-90; Ord. No. 3161, § 3, 6-15-98; Ord. No. 3409, 11-26-01; Ord. No. 3621, § 1A, 7-5-05)

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